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Applicant

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INSULATED EXHAUST MANIFOLD HAVING CERAMIC INNER

LAYER THAT IS HIGHLY RESISTANT TO THERMAL CYCLING

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT "A"

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action mailed August 3, 2006. The period to respond to the Office action expired on September 3, 2006, which was a Sunday. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed the next succeeding business day, which is Tuesday, September 05, 2006. (Monday, September 4, 2006 was a federal holiday).

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